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In re Application of

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ATTACHMENT B - CLEAN COPY OF CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend claims 1, 14 and 24 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An encapsulated product, consisting essentially of:

a) at least one active ingredient selected from the group consisting of: flavors, sweeteners, spices, herbal ingredients, vitamins, minerals, and mixtures thereof;

b) at least one compressible material; and

c) at least one lubricating material;

d) wherein said product is in the form of a caplet having a diameter from about 1 millimeter to about 7 millimeters and a length from about 1 millimeter to about 7 millimeters.

13/14. (Twice Amended) A method for preparing an encapsulated product, said method consisting essentially of the steps:

a) blending an active ingredient selected from the group consisting of: flavors, sweeteners, spices, herbal ingredients, vitamins, minerals, and mixtures thereof with a compressible material to form a compressible mixture;

b) mixing said compressible mixture with a lubricating material to form a final mixture; and

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c) compressing said final mixture into a caplet having a diameter from about 1 millimeter to about 7 millimeters and a length from about 1 millimeter to about 7 millimeters.

24. (Amended) A method of delivering two flavor ingredients to an item selected from the group consisting of: a food item, a confectionery product, and a chewing gum product, said method comprising the steps of:

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a) incorporating into said item a first encapsulated product containing a first ~~flavor~~ flavor; and

b) incorporating into said item a second encapsulated product containing a second flavor;

wherein said first and said second encapsulated products each have a diameter from about 1 millimeter to about 7 millimeters and a length from about 1 millimeter to about 7 millimeters.